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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 84-10-C - ORDER NO. 84-657 ✓  
September 5, 1984

IN RE: Application of GTE Sprint Communications )  
Corporation for a Certificate of Public ) ORDER DENYING  
Convenience and Necessity to offer inter- ) PETITION FOR  
city telecommunications services to the ) RECONSIDERATION  
public in the State of South Carolina. ) AND REHEARING

On August 2, 1984, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (hereinafter "the Commission") issued its Order No. 84-622 in the instant docket granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to GTE Sprint Communications Corporation (hereinafter "GTE Sprint") to operate inter-LATA telecommunications service within the State of South Carolina.

Subsequently, GTE Sprint filed with the Commission a Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration, seeking certain relief in the nature of a reconsideration or rehearing of certain findings and ordering clauses contained in Commission's Order No. 84-622, or in the alternative, requests rehearing on those

findings. The Petition of GTE Sprint alleges that the Commission made certain errors in its Order No. 84-622. The Commission erred, according to GTE Sprint, by denying intra-LATA operating authority to GTE-Sprint. The Commission is of the opinion that granting intra-LATA authority to GTE Sprint is not in the best interest of the public at this time.

GTE Sprint further alleges that it should be allowed to resell intrastate WATS. The Commission's upcoming order in regard to the pending dockets 84-59-C, 84-60-C, 84-61-C, 84-140-C, 84-141-C, and 84-142-C will resolve this issue.

GTE Sprint states that the Commission should reconsider certain provisions of its Order concerning the completion of intra-LATA calls. The Commission would prefer that GTE Sprint actually block intra-LATA calls, but because GTE Sprint said that it was practically impossible for it to do so, the Commission required GTE Sprint to carry out specific steps to ensure that its customers do not make intra-LATA calls. GTE Sprint alleges that some of those steps would be unduly burdensome. The Commission is of the opinion that if GTE Sprint cannot actually block intra-LATA calls, it should comply with the procedures set out in Order No. 84-622 to ensure that its customers do not make intra-LATA calls.

The Commission, according to GTE Sprint, should reconsider its decision to apply the same regulatory treatment to all inter-LATA carriers. The Commission has determined that individual inter-LATA carriers should not be favored or constrained by different forms of regulation. All inter-LATA carriers shall be subject to the same degree of regulation.

GTE Sprint requested that the Commission reconsider its decision to require GTE Sprint to reconfigure its records in order to segregate South Carolina intrastate profits. The Commission has ruled that all inter-LATA carriers must maintain sufficient records to enable the Commission to determine the amount of profit being earned from their South Carolina operations. There is no reason, according to the Commission, to allow any exceptions to that ruling.

After a full review of the matters set forth in GTE Sprint's Petition for Reconsideration or Rehearing, the Commission is of the opinion that its findings are fully supported in law, logic, fact and the substantial evidence on the record and should not be vacated or modified. The Petition of GTE Sprint asserts differences of opinion with the Commission, not justifiable grounds for rehearing or reconsideration.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the relief requested by GTE Sprint in its Petition for Rehearing or Reconsideration be, and hereby is, denied.

2. That this Order remains in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Cecil A. Bowers*  
Vice CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

*James H. Still*  
Executive Director

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